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Water causes damage at courthouse

Charles Choate
Courier Correspondent

County officials were called to the Fulton County Courthouse Saturday morning, after a water pipe froze and burst in one of the highest points of the Moulton Street location.

Fulton County Detention Center work crews were at the scene clearing snow and ice from the sidewalk areas, when alarms sounded around 9 a.m., and maintenance personnel were called for an inspection.

Once inside the Courthouse, water was already evident in areas of the first floor, which was traced to the ruptured pipe located inside the clock tower on the upper northern side.

After water was turned off to the building, crew workers from the Detention Center began using mops and vacuums to clean up the damage, with District Judge Hunter Whitesell, Circuit Clerk Sarah Johnson and Judge-

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DAMAGE SCENE - Fulton County District Judge Hunter Whitesell (l) points to the metal water pipe that burst at the Courthouse early Saturday morning. The pipe ruptured in the clock tower, allowing water to rush down three floors into offices, storage rooms and court rooms.

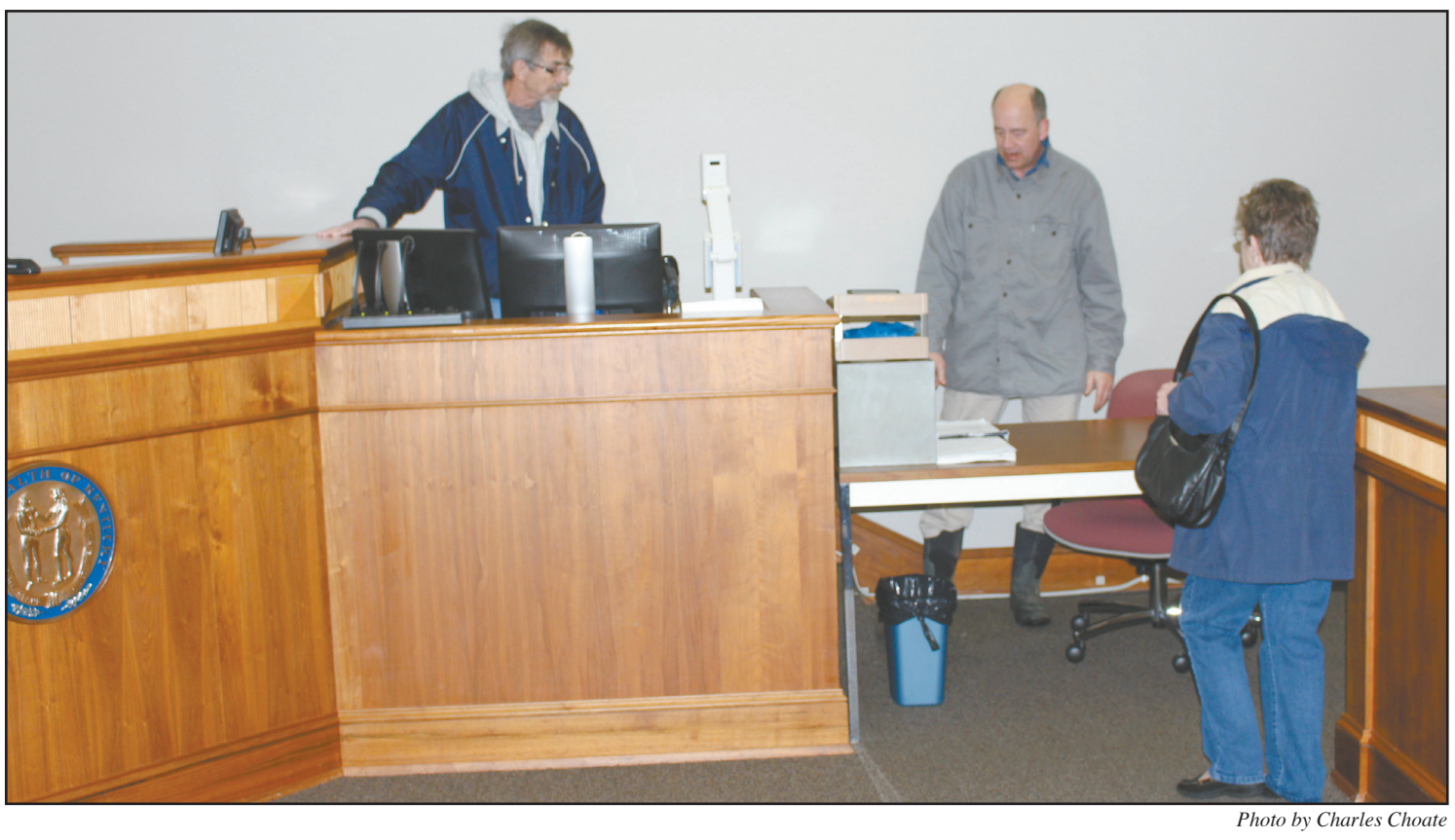


Photo by Charles Choate

LOOKING AT DAMAGE - Steve Callison (l), District Judge Hunter Whitesell (center) and Circuit Court Clerk Sarah Johnson (r) examine where water ran into a portion of the courtroom, following a pipe burst Saturday morning. Water damage was spread over three floors of the Courthouse, causing damage to ceiling tiles, flooring and electronics.

Pilot golfer signs with Wildcats

Charlotte Smith
Editor

Fulton County High School senior Ryne Choate will continue his education and playing days with Bethel University in McKenzie, Tenn., following a signing ceremony held in front of a full School Board Office Monday evening.

Choate made his decision to join the Wildcats golf program, after being recruited by colleges from Kentucky, Missouri and Tennessee.

Bethel University is a private Cumberland Presbyterian University in NAIA Division 1, that participates athletically in the rigorous Southern States Athletic Conference.

The conference has been called by

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BETHEL BOUND - Fulton County High School senior golfer Ryne Choate (center) made his college decision official Monday night, when he signed to play for the Bethel University Wildcats in McKenzie, Tenn. Choate was recruited by schools in Missouri, Kentucky and Tennessee following a stellar career with the Pilots, that included his participation as a qualifier in the Kentucky State All-A Classic, the Kentucky State Senior All-Star Tournament and selection on the First Region "All-Golf Team". Joining Choate and his parents, Charles and April Choate, for the signing ceremony was (l-r) Superintendent of Schools Aaron Collins, Bethel golf coach Monte Cunningham, Pilots golf coach Steve Coulson and Fulton County principal Ellen Murphy.

State of Emergency for City, fairs well overall

The coldest night in Hickman occurred early Tuesday morning, Feb. 17 when the low dipped down to one degree, according to the Kentucky Mesonet weather station located on the grounds of the Fulton County Schools. That followed the over one inch of precipitation received on Monday, Feb. 16, which is equal up to 14 inches of snow depending on the density of the snow, closing many businesses, schools for more than a week and even some churches.

More snow fell again on Tuesday night, Feb. 17 and Wednesday morning, Feb. 18 adding to what was still on the ground. People were busy aiding each other, cleaning driveways and parking lots the best they could. Main roads were becoming easier to navigate.

Sleet and freezing rain began following on Friday, Feb. 20, adding to the already hazardous road conditions, especially on back roads and signed streets. Tuesday, Feb. 17 through Sunday, Feb. 22, Fulton County Dispatch received 27 reports of vehicles off road and needing assistance, with one emergency escort and 12 motor vehicle accidents with property damage but no injuries.

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Random acts of kindess warms hearts during Winter Storm 2015

Charlotte Smith
Editor

Good deeds are spontaneous acts of kindness and charitable acts all performed with the simple intention of being helpful with no expectation for compensation of any kind. Events like Winter Storm 2015 almost always bring the best out in people at the most opportune time for the recipient - their neighbor, friend or even complete stranger. The deed could be as simple as giving someone a ride to work, pulling a stuck vehicle out of a ditch, running an errand for a friend or giving someone a warm place to spend the night.

In Hickman with several inches of snow still on the ground and frigid temperatures moving in, some good deeds were experienced last week. All helping their fellow neighbor make it through a tough time.

Conrad Cline was a witness to a good deed. "I would like to bring light to Faren Russell, employee at the Dollar General," he began. "When the storm hit on Monday (Feb. 16), no other employee of the store could get out there, and Faren came in on her day off, by getting a ride with someone because her own car was too iced over to drive." (A second good deed.)

"Faren worked all day by herself during a time when people were flooding the store to buy milk and bread and other essential items," continued Cline. "This may not have been a good deed for me specifically, and it may not have been the best deed done that day, but without Faren the store would have been closed the entire day and left many people with fewer or no options

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WIPED OUT - On Monday, Feb. 16 the bread aisle at the Hickman Dollar General went from fully stocked to slim pickins within just a few short hours. *(Photos sumbitted by Conrad Cline.)*



SNOW COVERED - This is what the parking lot at Dollar General looked like on Monday, Feb. 16 but the store was open thanks to one lone employee who made it into work on her day off thanks to a friend who gave her a ride.

County schools to makeup missed days

Charlotte Smith
Editor

As of Tuesday, Feb. 24, Fulton County students will need to makeup three days of school. Schools were closed beginning Monday, Feb. 16 for inclement weather and remained closed through Tuesday, Feb. 24 due to unfavorable road conditions. Fulton County Schools Superintendent Aaron Collins will recommend to the board to attend school on March 13, April 3, and May 21.

During the school board meeting last Thursday, Supt. Collins noted that the original school calendar (2014-2015) included 175 school days. "Under KRS 159.15700 students have to be in school 170 days or 1,062 hours," stated Supt. Collins. "Once we miss more than a week, adjustments will need to be made to the 2014-2015 calendar."

On Tuesday, Feb. 24, Supt. Collins announced that school would be back in session on Wednesday, Feb. 25 with a one hour delay.

Makeup days for teachers, however, is different than for students. "Teachers have already made up two work days this week (Monday, Feb. 23 and Tuesday, Feb. 24)," he said. "They were two great days of professional development as we worked on planning, preparing for the big push until spring break. We are ready!"

Additional days will be added on to the end of the school

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Future of local clinics still in limbo

Charlotte Smith
Editor

With former Fulton County Judge/Executive David Gallagher leading the committee regarding the future of the two medical clinics located in Hickman and Fulton and hospital facility an internal analysis has been conducted.

"We called regulators in Frankfort to assist us with this matter," stated Fulton County Judge/Executive Jim Martin on Monday, Feb. 23 during the Fulton County Fiscal Court special meeting. "We laid all our issues out for them, with consideration for the special issue with the detention center."

Following the state's analysis, Judge Martin, Magistrates Henry Callison and George Jones, and Fulton County Jailer Ricky Parnell met with state representatives regarding the issue in early February. "A genuine effort to analyze all the issues has been conducted by the

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Spring Countdown
21 days

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OBITUARIES

Floyd Lee Gaskins

Billy G. Murray

Rain Watch

February 2015 - 4.53 inches

www.kymesonet.org

River Stage Forecasts

Ohio River at Cairo, Ill.

Wednesday, Feb. 25 – 26.1

Thursday, Feb. 26 – 27.3

Friday, Feb. 27 – 27.5

Saturday, Feb. 28 – 26.7

Sunday, March 1 – 25.7



Hillview Clinic of Fulton, Ky., to become HillView South, will relocate to South Fulton, Tenn. *(See complete story on page 7.)*

Your Local Weather

Thu 2/26	Fri 2/27	Sat 2/28	Sun 3/1	Mon 3/2
34/13	28/16	39/31	51/37	42/33
Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 30s and lows in the low teens.	Plenty of sun. Highs in the upper 20s and lows in the mid teens.	Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 30s and lows in the low 30s.	Rain developing during the afternoon.	Cloudy with rain. Highs in the low 40s and lows in the low 30s.

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THE HICKMAN COURIER

THE VOICE OF HICKMAN AND FULTON COUNTY

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Established in 1859. The oldest newspaper in West Kentucky.

Turning Back The Clock

25 Years Ago
March 1, 1990

Obituaries: Julius Spillers, 65; Bonnie Ross, 85.

Pictured: Charles "Slick" Parker is shown with a 24-pound catfish he caught in the Mississippi River at 1 p.m. on February 5 with a rod and reel. The fish was weighed in at Fields Petroleum and Parker said, "This is the biggest fish I ever caught." Parker, his wife and daughter caught 35-pounds of catfish that day with rods and reels.

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The Hickman Police Department investigated a one automobile accident during the past week. The incident occurred as Elizabeth M. Duke of Fulton was making a left turn from Seventh Street onto Cedar Street and Guy H. Terry was going north on Seventh Street. Terry was driving a 1988 Ford, which belonged to the Fulton County RRECC. Sergeant Larry Evans investigated.

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Mrs. Margaret Williams, Mrs. Susie Bell Cruce, and Mrs. Virginia Jones ate dinner at the Airpark Inn last week.

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Amanda Carol Alexander has been named to the Dean's List at Western Kentucky University for the fall 1989 session. Miss Alexander is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Alexander of Route 4, Fulton.

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Melissa Carol Shaw has been named as a Dean's Scholar at Western Kentucky University based on her academic achievement for the 1989 fall semester.

50 Years Ago
March 4, 1965

Last week was snow fun for kids but a nightmare for motorists, businessmen and the telephone company. A blizzard Wednesday evening blew in seven inches of snow, swamping streets and roads and freezing business to a ghost town standstill. The only business activity was being handled by enterprising drivers of tractors, and other machines that could be improvised as snow plows and wreckers to get cars and trucks out of ditches and snow banks Thursday. This was the worst snowstorm in over a half century (by some reports) in this normally Southern Climate. It was mainly mud and water by Saturday, although some traces of drift here and there still remain this week.

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Clinton Street was in sad shape following the Feb. 24 blizzard. Merchants complained – but understandingly – of no business all day Thursday. Finally, Friday morning, water hydrants were opened up and water poured on the main street in Hickman.

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The Caprice Custom Sedan, Chevrolet's newest luxury car, arrived at Stokes Chevrolet Company Monday.

75 Years Ago
March 1, 1940

Venetian blinds of the wood slat type are now being installed in the new post office. The blinds, which have been on hand for some time, could not be installed earlier because of the lack of proper fixtures.

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It was stated at Frankfort this week by Cecil T. Williams, Commissioner of Rural Highways, that rural roads throughout the State were badly damaged by the recent freeze, and in many counties will require the entire Rural Highway allotment to restore the roads to their original condition and put them in shape for travel. Not since the inauguration of the Rural Highway Department in 1936 have the roads been in the condition they are at this time, Mr. Williams said. In many counties, officials have issued orders forbidding hauling over the roads while in this present condition. If the public will cooperate wholeheartedly, the damage can be considerably lessened and the cost of repairing greatly reduced.

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The Hickman Wildcats won their second round in the First District Basketball Tournament, which is being held at Bardwell this week, when they eliminated the strong Arlington team Wednesday night, 26-21.The line-up for Hickman was: Nipp, 11; Dubia, 0; Van Noy, 5; R. green, 5; Phipps, 5. The Hickman boys should beat Clinton tonight if they live up to their past record.

125 Years Ago
March 1, 1890

Our young county man, Mr. Ben T. Davis, applied for a license to practice law, before Judge Randle this week, which was duly granted. He has located in Hickman and we wish for him a brilliant future.

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At the meeting of the Grand Council, Royal Templars of temperance of Kentucky, held in Louisville last week, Mr. R.M. Metheny, of this city, was elected Grand Councillor for the ensuing twelve months. Messrs. E. Case and Rudolph Glazier were the delegates from Hickman Council No. 12.

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Col. Tillman, of the Mo., Tenn. and Ga. Railroad, met with the Board of Directors of the Mississippi Levee Company, Wednesday and asked for an extension of the lease of the Mississippi Levee charter. The extension was granted to the first day of June. This will give further time to secure the additional land subscriptions needed and the success for failure of this great enterprise will be determined by that time.

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Ed Thomas was granted a license to practice law at the session of Circuit Court this week.

Deed Transfers

The following Deed Transfers were recorded in the office of Fulton County Clerk Betty Abernathy Friday, Feb. 13 through Thursday, Feb. 19.

Holly Burnette, a/k/a Hollica Jo Burnette of Hickman to Michael Don Burnette of Fulton, property in city of Hickman, paid $1.00, Feb. 13.

Ralph H. King and wife Brenda King of Fulton and Jay Dustin King, Trustee of the King Family Irrevocable Trust of Fulton to Phil Bivens and wife Tracey Bivens of South Fulton, Tenn., property in city of Fulton, value $140,000, Feb. 13.

Don A. McClanahan and wife Krystal G. McClanahan of Fulton to Brandon Puckett and wife Jamie Puckett of Clinton, Ky., property in Fulton County, value $1,200,000, Feb. 19.

Thelma Joyce Hardy of Fulton; Katherine Dawn Hardy Morris of Fulton and her husband, Stephen Lee Morris of Union City; Donna Joyce Hardy Atkison and husband Bobby Glen Atkison of Hickman to Timothy G. Lusk and wife Sandra J. Lusk of Fulton, property in Fulton County, value $350,000, Feb. 19.

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Photo by Charlotte Smith

FEBRUARY BUSINESS OF THE MONTH - The Hickman Chamber of Commerce has chosen Wepfer Marine as the Chamber of Commerce Business of the Month for February. Those pictured at the Hickman Harbor and in front of the Marilyn Roncali representing Wepfer Marine include (l to r) Robert Andell, Terry Roncali, and Cody Todd. Not pictured is Ronnie Roncali.

Hickman-Fulton Counties RECC board meets Thursday

The Hickman-Fulton Counties RECC board meets today, Feb. 26. The Courier will bring you an update on whether RECC plans to pursue a possible merger with Gibson Co. Electric or West Ky RECC.

Senator Stan Humphries

(R-Cadiz)

Representing the 1st District including representing Calloway, Carlisle, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Lyon and Trigg counties



No part of Kentucky was spared the record-breaking snowfall and sub-zero temperatures this week. As schools, businesses and many government agencies had to close, so did the General Assembly due to the hazardous weather. When weather emergencies such as this occur, and so many counties and even the governor declare states of emergency, ensuring safety and helping those in trouble due to the extreme conditions take priority. I hope you and your family have remained safe and secure throughout the winter storms.

Having missed Tuesday and Wednesday following the Presidents' Day holiday, the Senate was back to work on Thursday and Friday with both committee meetings and action on the Senate Chamber floor.

Legislation that would protect freedom of religious and political expression without the threat of censorship by school administrators was passed on Thursday. This bill, known as Senate Bill 71, would protect students who voluntarily express these perspectives in schoolwork, participate in affiliated groups, and who are invited to deliver speeches. In short, SB 71 will ensure students and groups with religious and/or political affiliation have the same access and ability to express themselves as all groups, as long as they abide by the constitution.

The Senate addressed judicial redistricting with the passage of Senate Bill 49 that would require the Supreme Court to adjust the Commonwealth's judicial circuits and districts and the judicial assignments based on population changes in the same years as legislative redistricting is required. It has been over sixty years since judicial districts in Kentucky have been updated. This has left some courts with overwhelmingly large caseloads, while others have a relatively small number to hear. This creates a problem for those seeking justice. It also places a burden on Kentucky's budget. Kentucky has 95 non-family circuit judges with an average caseload of 1,209 filings per year, but some circuits have almost double the average caseload.

Legislation to provide a cushion to help agriculture producers of poultry, now Kentucky's #1 agriculture product, passed as well. This measure, known as Senate Bill 106, would allow a ten percent variance on the weight of a truck transporting chickens.

On Friday we passed a measure that will benefit education in the Commonwealth. Senate Bill 16 promotes computer science and computer programming classes in our schools, because of the projected future demand for related skills in the job market.

Also on Friday, we approved Senate Bill 89, which relates to firearms sales to current and retired employees. Senate Bill 89 would allow state employees with government-issued firearms that are being replaced to purchase their firearms from the agency.

Please continue to contact me with your issues and concerns. You may call and leave a message for me at 1-800-372-7181, or e-mail me at Stan.Humphries@lrc.ky.gov. You can also follow the work of our caucus on twitter at @kysenategop. I appreciate your time and input.

Dave Says...

by Dave Ramsey



Dear Dave,
I'm 30 and debt-free. Do you think I should stop making contributions to
my 401(k) account for a year in order to save up an emergency fund?

Beth

Dear Beth,
Yes, I do. But it shouldn't take you a year to set aside an emergency fund if you're debt-free and making decent money at your job. Just make it part of your monthly budget plan, grit your teeth and do it!
I recommend that people put off or stop investing until they are debt-free, except for their home, and have an emergency fund of three to six months of expenses in place. In some cases, depending on how much debt they have, it could take three or four years to do all this. I know it seems like a long time, but it's really not in the grand scheme of things.
Here's the way I look at it. If you have no emergency fund, but you're contributing to your 401(k), there's a good chance you'll end up cashing out your 401(k) if a large, unexpected expense comes along. When you cash out a 401(k) early, you get hit with a penalty plus your tax rate. That's not a good plan! That's just one of the reasons I tell people to have an emergency fund in place before they start investing!

—Dave

Dear Dave,
I have a question about home warranties. Are they a waste of money if you already have a fully-funded emergency fund, with six months of expenses or more set aside?

Andy

Dear Andy,
In my opinion, they're a waste of money even if you don't have that much set aside for emergencies. I recommend an emergency fund of three to six months of expenses to cover the unexpected things that life will throw at you. This amount of cash, sitting in a good money market account with check writing privileges, will give you easy access in the event of a financial emergency. I don't do extended warranties of any kind, Andy. They're not a good deal. You're better off to self-insure against things breaking down, and put what would have been profit and marketing dollars for the extended warranty company in your own pocket!

—Dave

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SECOND CUP

By Cory Ramsey



FEBRUARY 2015

Williamsburg would be a dot left off in the mountains of eastern Kentucky if not for Interstate 75 rambling north out of Knoxville on the way to Cincinnati and beyond. A pretty place perched upon a handsome hill, to steal paraphrase from Mark Twain. Its downtown is tiny, a few old buildings including a movie theatre with a large marquee. The business district sits in the shadow of the University of the Cumberlands, a nicely laid out campus with multiple churchlike spires pointed heavenward. The place looks like Virginia and what you'd expect to see around Monticello. A destination just for the walking. In that downtown a block from the marquee is an old neon Rexall Drug sign for a store still operating. Inside, it's not just a pharmacy but a place for all wants and needs. Candy cigarettes adorn shelves of peppermints and caramels. A stock of blue jeans in various sizes against a far wall. The smell of boiled peanuts if memory serves. And one of those rotating spindles of postcards. Fluorescent bulbs hummed with a blue tone as we made our way next to a window to sample the postcard selection. Most were sun faded. The cars in some pictures dated to the 1970s. It was a step back in time. It's not uncommon to see one of three things in any downtown I've arrived at in Kentucky. Large or small, occupied or vacant, they all include either a Bank, a Barber, or a Drug Store, usually all three. Hickman has remnants of the three, albeit in ghost form downtown. The drive through window of The Citizens Bank is bricked up these days, but for years was the main office before moving to the bypass. It was a downtown lobby straight out of the 1960s anytime you went in there. Directly across the street from the view of the teller would have been the City Barber Shop, the corner pillar painted the familiar red, white, and blue swirl. It was torn down with the rest of the block in 1986. Still standing across the street is the former location of Rumfelt Drugs. There was a time when those window displays were changed for the season. Particular of interest was the Christmas season when toys would be there. Rumfelt's was the place for Russell Stover candies at Valentines as well. The wood paneling and soft lighting was much like the bank's décor of the 1960s. A 7-Up sign led the way outside. Today, there's still a bank, a barber, and a drug store in town, just in different locales. That's what makes a place like Williamsburg stick out in my travels. A town that is still three decades behind in spots but at the same time having that nostalgic thirst quench you don't want to disturb or relocate. Lord knows the country has enough Dollar Generals. They exist a mile apart in Bowling Green. But what we don't have enough of are the Rexall Neon or the 7-Up signs still lit and welcoming to a bygone era.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor
Maybe the hard working folks in Fulton County, those who shower after work and carry a lunch bucket, will yet be treated justly. Over 2700 workers are paid by Fulton County Employers per Bureau of Labor Statistics. Those who are Fulton County Residents will hopefully vote out those leaders who have voted against the ability of individuals to band together against poor safety practices, wages, mistreatment, discrimination-sexual-age-race and all other forms wherein individuals must give up their human dignity at the whim of a supervisor or company.

From,
Gene Nettles
Hickman, Ky.



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Miss Cook to wed Rogers on March 28

The engagement and upcoming wedding of Allison Rhodes Cook and Christopher Bryan Rogers, both of Tiptonville, Tennessee, is being announced today.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Danny Cook of Tiptonville.

She is the granddaughter of Flossie Rhodes and the late Melvin Rhodes, and the late Bill and Pauline Cook, all of Tiptonville.

She attended the University of Tennessee at Martin, receiving a Bachelor of Science in Communications with emphasis on Public Relations. She was also a Cum Laude graduate.

Christopher is the son of Christopher Rogers of Bassett, Arkansas and Jennifer Green of Cherry Valley, Arkansas.

He is the grandson of Linda Rogers and the late Edward Rogers of Bassett and Carolyn Bennett of Tiptonville, and the late Larry Peters.

He attended the University of Tennessee at Martin, obtaining a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with emphasis in marketing.

He is currently employed with 4-Evergreen LLC.

The wedding will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 28, 2015, at Tiptonville First Baptist Church.

A reception will follow in the First Baptist Church Family Life Center.

Friends and family are invited to the wedding and the reception.



Christopher Bryan Rogers and Allison Rhodes Cook

"Live from Nashville" will be in Union City on February 28

Live From Nashville, a Matt Davenport Production, is being brought to Union City by Community Concert Association of Union City/Obion County and show sponsor Little General.

The cast includes Sarah Margaret Huff, Barry Jobe, Brittney Jones and Chet Wollan, accompanied by Max McKee, lead guitar; Greg "Goose" LaPoint, drums; Joe Grosvent, bass; Josh Rosen, keys; and Katie Keller, fiddle.

They will bring their own blend of country music and music theater Saturday, Feb. 28 at 7:30 p.m. to the Union City Civic Auditorium, located on the Union City High School campus.

Ms. Huff, originally from Mississippi, is a graduate of Belmont University in Nashville. She has a vocal and songwriting style described as passionate and melancholic. Her debut EP "A Million Little Flames" offers a small piece of the imaginative songstress' world.

Jobe, originally from Johnson City, has performed for some of the Industry's biggest production companies, including ABC, Disney, Paramount/Viacom, Carnival Cruise Lines and Dreamworks. He has sung on stage with many different recording artists, such as Dolly Parton, Jeannie Seely, Jack Greene, Bekka and Bonnie Bramlett, Jan Howard and George Hamilton IV, among others.

Ms. Jones is a Bellefontaine, Ohio, native and a Nashville transplant. She has called "Music City" home for six years, pursuing songwriting and performing across the United States. She played 14 theatrical roles in 2013 and hasn't slowed down since.

Wollan, originally from Minneapolis, has been a mainstay at Dollywood Theme Park in the beautiful Smoky Mountains for the last six years, where he was featured in "Dreamland Drive-In," "Babes in Toyland" and "Twas the Night Before Christmas." His national tours include "Ring of Fire (The Life and Music of Johnny Cash)" and "Miracle on 34th Street."

They will be performing today's country, classic country and modern country, with selections such as "Home Sweet Home," "Mountain Music," "Rolling In My Sweet Baby's Arms," "Rocky Top," "Orange Blossom Special," "Little White Church" and "I Will Always Love You" during the first act.

During Act Two, audience members will be able to enjoy 1990's country, such as "How Do You Like Me Now"; great country duets, like "Islands in the Stream" and around the country, including "When You Say Nothing at All" and "God Bless America."

Additional shows include Vivace on March 28 and Jason D. Williams on April 11.

Family memberships are $95 each, with individual adult memberships being $45, senior memberships $40 and student memberships $25.

Individual show tickets are also available for $20 each. They may be purchased in advance at Lanzer Printing and Office Supply in downtown Union City or at the door.

To purchase memberships or for more information, call association president Mike Cox at 731-536-4569 or visit www.communityconcertuc.org.

East Hickman Memories

By David Holland
Guest Columnist

A memory revisited from East Hickman regarding the railroad, Ryan Station, turntable, Easley House, and the Red Shutter, plus the Texaco Station and envions.

Most will not have the vaguest idea about Hickman thriving and having not one but two railroad connections with the outer world. At least one came from a sort of disaster that struck, probably in the Twenties. Even I am not old enough to remember that cataclysm, but the Nashville, Chattanooga, & St. Louis Railroad served Hickman all my early life and then just disappeared as if by magic. The rails came from Nashville all along a series of towns in Tennessee that most likely arose from being where Section Crews were located. Those were normally crews that worked five miles or so either way from their base to keep the rails, ties, and ballast in good condition. That gave them approximately ten miles of trackage to maintain. There was a Section Foreman and there were several men in a crew. Early on they worked using handcars for transportation and also had various specialized hand tools to do their work of maintenance.

Some of those towns are: McEwen, Waverly, Camden, Huntingdon, McKenzie, Gleason, Martin, Union City, and then Hickman. Look along any old railroad and you will find a similar spacing of town. They will be about ten miles apart.

The rails came through Woodland Mills, State Line, Shuck's Switch, on to Dodd's Crossing, Stahr's Crossing, and then down the hill and under the bluff to enter Hickman at the east side of downtown. Sometime or other the bluff caved in and took out that route. What to do? Well, they got to work and brought the line from Stahr's Crossing on around in a broad curve to an area just east of the present Courier office, then a grocery store with an adjacent coal yard. The terminus was a bit NE of the old Texaco Station that was an important fixture at that time. There was a station or depot there called Ryan Station, and it was also close to a pre-Civil War house called the Easley House. More on that one later.

Not having any further to go at the time, the NC & St. L folks made a huge pit, floored and lined it with Georgia limestone and installed a turntable so the engines could be turned around to be able to proceed headfirst along the track. Of course there was a spur track so that the cars could be parked while the locomotive was being turned. Vestiges of that facility can be found easily if one were interested. Stone from that turntable was used to build the stone home of the C. N. Holland family, and some was used to build a home on upper Catlett St. for the McClelland family.

Later the right-of-way was extended further and first went south towards the Union City highway, which it crossed on a trestle. Curving around to the west the rails came sweeping around past the current jail, Coffey Construction, and on around past where the grainary and wire production companies are now. The rails went on into town and the terminus was at a nice depot. There is a park close by there now. It was across from the water works and ice plant, Barrett's Furniture Store and embalming shop.

Again the locomotive had to be turned around so it could pull rather than push the cars as it left Hickman. Accordingly, a Wye was built in West Hickman so the train would come in headfirst and then back into the station. You have to visualize an upside down capital 'Y'. The train would enter the west fork and then pull into the straight line headed south. A switch would be turned and the train would then push toward the station on the other (east) fork of the Y. Pretty ingenious and simple. Somewhere near there the Illinois Central spur line from Dyersburg came in. That is the line still existing in the Lower Bottom. Hickman was supported by two railroads.

Whenever the NC & St. L decided to quit; they did it as if overnight. Only a few could show where the lines were now, but they are fresh in my memory. Thanks for letting me share that bit of history.



Cradle Roll



Riley Mae Goodman

Riley Mae Goodman arrives February 12

Ian and Wesley Goodman, sons of Austin and Jessica Goodman of Hickman, Ky., would like to announce the birth of their baby sister, Riley Mae Goodman.

Riley was born at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Union City, Tenn., at 7:59 a.m. on February 12, 2015, weighing eight pounds. She was 20 inches in length.

Grandparents are John and Robin Amberg of Hickman and Walter and Sally Goodman of Hickman and the late Teresa Riley McQueen of Hickman.

Great-grandparents are Brantly and Betty Amberg of Hickman and the late Bill and Chrysteen Goodman of Hickman and the late Leburn and Ruthie Mea Kirk of Union City, and Clyde Riley of Hickman and Barbara Gordon of Fulton and the late Russell Gordon of Hickman.

Happy Birthday

The Hickman Courier wishes all these good folks a very happy birthday! Help make their days more special by remembering them with a card or a phone call.

March 2 – Lynn Parker, Barry Sharp, Brandon Henry, Charles Johnson, Charlotte Atwill, Trista Finch, and Amya Johnson.

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March 4 – David Harrison, Carol Coulson, Kaye Shaw, Phil Craddock, and Kim Gard.

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March 6 – Helen Taylor, James Wayne Ross, and Jacob Markle.

March 7 – Kim Green Hagler, Don McClanahan, J.P. Amberg, Christopher Brunswick, James Shell, Ashley Malone Carlton, and Laura Voorhees Mudd.

March 8 – Alma Mills Braton, Eli Powell, Emily Powell Smith, Connie Ferguson Faircloth, Joy Kemp, and Amber Nicole Bradshaw.



FEATURED VETERAN - This week's featured veteran is Flavous B. Martin, GM3C U.S. Navy, World War II. He was the first Fulton County casualty of World War II, died December 7, 1941 - Pearl Harbor. The Carnegie Library is home to the museum which houses photos of area veterans. Stop by Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. to visit the museum.

A WILDERNESS VOICE
by Tom Hoskins

CALAMITIES

"Be merciful to me. O God, be merciful unto me; for my soul trusts in you, yes, in the shadow of your wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities be past" (Psalm 57:1). Are you facing difficulties that seem to overwhelm you? Do you have days where it seems life is not worth going on and there is no help or hope, that no one seems to care, even God appears to have hidden his face from you?

David, fleeing from Saul, felt as if he was being swallowed up (v3). It's the picture of a chicken or rabbit being swallowed by a huge snake (v3). It's the picture of a chicken or rabbit being swallowed by a huge snake. The little rabbit cries as the snake spreads his mouth and begins the deadly pull. Dear soul, is that your plight today? Is it sickness, your job, your spouse, a pending divorce, debt, a depression you can't shake---what is swallowing you up? Job cried when defamed by his friends, "Man that is Born of woman is few of days, and full of trouble" (Job 14:1). I think we would all agree that Job had it right.

David cried to God for mercy—"pity me." Twice in our verse he raised the plea. His basis for that request; he trusted God who was his refuge in troublesome times. God was his safe place until the storm passed by, "until these calamities be past." Troubled soul, the calamities will eventually pass. It may not seem so now, but one day they shall even if one has to wait until "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes" (Rev. 21:4). Meanwhile with David of old, "In the shadow of your wings I will make my refuge."

"Oh to the Rock let me fly!"

Judge Martin looks to expand resources for food pantry in Hickman

Charlotte Smith
Editor

"Fulton County is the highest in the region when it comes to people living below the poverty level and people not knowing where their next meal is coming from," stated Fulton County Judge/Executive Jim Martin during a special called meeting of the Fulton County Fiscal Court on Monday, Feb. 23. "I have asked Bro. Jason Sipes to serve on a food bank task force to aid the county with bringing more outside sources to Hickman."

A.R.K. (Alternative Resources for Kentuckians) currently oversees the food pantry located in a room at the Fulton County Health Department building. Many local people donate to that food pantry on a regular basis.

"We could be making better use of those outside resources if we have more volunteers," added Judge Martin. "We are only receiving about 10% of what Hickman could get with the help of others."

MaryAnne Medlock, with the

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Senior Spirit
By Charlotte Smith

According to the American Psychological Association pets are good for our mental health. "Pets can serve as important sources of social and emotional support for 'everyday people,' not just individuals facing significant health challenges or senior citizens. The study found that pet owners were just as close to key people in their lives as to their animals, indicating no evidence that relationships with pets came at the expense of relationships with other people, or that people relied more on pets when their human social support was poorer.

Psychologists at Miami University and Saint Louis University conducted experiments to examine the potential benefits of pet ownership. "We observed evidence that pet owners fared better, both in terms of well-being and individual differences, than non-owners on several dimensions," says lead researcher Allen R. McConnell, Ph.D., of Miami University in Ohio. "Specifically, pet owners had greater self-esteem, were more physically fit, tended to be less lonely, were more conscientious, were more extroverted, tended to be less fearful and tended to be less preoccupied than non-owners."

So it seems to be true that pet ownership can open up a whole new world for senior citizens. By adopting older pets, seniors get companionship without needing to housebreak or train their new "family member."

For pet lovers, the joy and satisfaction comes from owning a pet rarely weakens with the passing of years. The type of pet they desire, however, may be subject to change as living arrangements or health conditions evolve.

Adopting older pets is a win for the senior who benefits from the companionship of the pet and the pet gets to spend his or her years in a loving home, rather than a shelter.

Over time, the specific benefits of seniors adopting pets are becoming better known. As the above study shows, aside from having a constant companion that is always there when you wake up or put the key in the door, seniors who adopt senior pets seem to:

- Have a buffer against loneliness
- Maintain a clear sense of purpose
- Derive a profound sense of satisfaction from living with an animal
- Be more likely to exercise
- Have lower blood pressure and a decreased likelihood of depression

Pets can also act as "social lubricants" for seniors, who may not be outgoing individuals by nature. Pet owners are often attracted to one another, and the topic of their pets frequently breaks the ice and starts discussions. Thus improving morale, encouraging independence, and allowing seniors to handle stress better.

Editor's Note: Information for this article obtained from the www.powerofpaws.com website and Health Connection December 2014 magazine.

With the center in Hickman closed all week, a menu was not available for publication.

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Obituaries

Floyd Lee Gaskins

Floyd Lee Gaskins, 79, a resident of Leitchfield, Ky., died February 10, 2015, at Grayson Manor Nursing Home in Leitchfield.



Born March 6, 1935 in Fulton Co., Ky., he was the son of the late Odie Lee and Lois Johnson Gaskins. He was a retired truck driver, who enjoyed cleaning his truck and watching westerns and baseball on TV. He was a member of the West Baptist Church in Hickman.

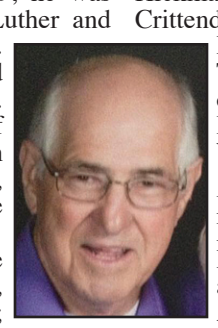
Survivors include his wife, Ruby Gaskins of Leitchfield; one son, Gregg Gaskins (Tami) of Leitchfield; three daughters, Kristi Powell (Buddy) of Hickman, Candy Gaskins (Steve Bird) of Millwood, Ky., and Teresa Bush (Tim Higgs) of Hudson, Ky.; one step-daughter, Tammy Meredith of Leitchfield; one step-son, Paul McKnight of Elizabethtown, Ky.; 12 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren; a twin brother, Lloyd Gaskins (Catherine); and a sister-in-law, Imogene Gaskins, both of Hickman.

One daughter, Joyia Gaskins, and two brothers, Jimmy Gaskins, and Buddy Gaskins, preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held February 13, at the Dermitt Funeral Home with Bro. Henry Callison officiating. Burial followed in Claggett United Baptist Church Cemetery.

Billy G. Murray

Billy G. Murray, 75, a resident of Hickman, Ky., died February 10, 2015, at Western Baptist Hospital in Paducah, Ky.



Born June 16, 1939, he was the son of the late Luther and Vera (Adams) Murray. He was a retired Veteran of the U.S. Army, a member of the American Legion Post #57 in Hickman, and a member of the Hickman Rotary Club.

Survivors include his wife of 30 years, Yvetta Murray; children, Vanessia Mercado of Bartlett, Tenn., Teri Rembecky of Upland, Calif., Jennifer McCown of Canada, Twona Reed of Draffenville, Ky., Elizabeth Ray of Nashville, Tenn., and Michael Murray of Murray, Ky.; 13 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren; one brother, John K. Murray of Hickman; four sisters, Gladyes Crittenden of Hickman, Inez Hicks of Dyersburg, Tenn., Pat McCullough of Union City, Tenn., and Betty Clark of Seattle, Wash.

Two brothers, James Murray and Robert Murray; two sisters, Mary Hobbs and Judy Murray; and one infant daughter, Amanda Murray; also preceded him in death.

A memorial service was held February 12, at David's Chapel Baptist Church with Bro. Charles Southerland officiating.

Bluff Briefs

Men's Bible Study

First Church of God will be starting a Men's Bible study beginning the first Friday in March, 6:30 p.m. in the evening. This is for all men regardless of church background. If anyone has suggestions as to what might be a topic for study suggestions will be accepted on the church's Facebook site.

Kentucky Hunting and Fishing License Expire Feb. 28

It's license renewal time, says the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife. Time to get your license for 2015, as well as your 2015 Elk Hunt entries. Visit https://app.fw.ky.gov/license/waonlinefront.aspx.

Fulton County Genealogical Society meeting

The Fulton County Genealogical Society will meet at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 26, at the Keg Restaurant in Fulton. The speaker will be Jeff Boyd from the Feliciana and Wingo area. He has been metal detecting for several years. His talk is titled "Rescue and Preservation of Fulton County History". He will also show the artifacts he found while construction equipment was excavating the South Fulton Park. Visitors are welcome.

Senior Citizens Spaghetti Supper

The Fulton County Senior Citizens of Hickman will have their annual Spaghetti Supper on Thursday, March 26 from 4 – 6 p.m. The meal will be served at the Hickman Senior Center, located at 1404 Liberty St., Hickman. Eat-in or carry-out. Delivery will be made to homebound individuals. Tickets are available at the senior center or call 270-236-2826 to reserve your $6.00 tickets.

Recycling paper products coming to Cayce

Recycling of paper products will be collected on Saturday, March 14, 2015, at the Cayce Fire Department in Cayce.

Estate Planning Series

Make plans to attend the 2015 Estate Planning Series at the Pontotoc Building in Fulton, Ky. The series will be on Tuesdays from 6 – 8 p.m. on March 10, 17, 24, and 31. Topics include: Wills, Trusts, Insurance, Documents, Estate Taxes, Probate and much more. A meal will be provided each night. Registration is required by calling the Fulton County Extension Office at 270-236-2351. This event is sponsored by Whitledge and Associates, PLLC; The Law Offices of Jason G. Howell, PLLC; Fulton County Farm Bureau; The Citizens Bank; Major and Major; and the Fulton County Extension Office.

NOTICE AS TO READING AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given that the Fiscal Court of Fulton County, Kentucky, at a regular meeting to be held at 9:00 a.m. on March 16, 2015, in Hickman, Kentucky will give second reading of and consider for passage and enactment the following Ordinance:

FULTON COUNTY FISCAL COURT
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This Ordinance shall apply to the orderly succession of the Office of Judge/Executive in the event of the absence or disability of the Judge/Executive when involving a national, State, or local emergency. The line of succession contained in this ordinance is to insure that a County government official is available to serve in the absence or disability of the Judge/Executive.The full text of the Ordinance is on file in the Office of the Fulton County Judge/Executive, 2216 Myron Cory Dr., Hickman, KY, where it may be inspected.

Jim Martin
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CLEANING UP - A Fulton County Detention Center work release inmate is shown running a shop vacuum, following a water pipe burst at the Courthouse. Work crews began clean-up at the scene shortly after the issue was discovered early Saturday morning. Looking on is Detention Center Supervisor Jim Eakes and Steve Callison.

Water Damage

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/Executive Jim Martin arriving to tour the three story offices and courtrooms.

Maintenance employee Lisa Callison said despite the damage that occurred, the alarm system played a big role in preventing a bigger problem.

"Had that alarm not went off, this would have been a major disaster," said Mrs. Callison. "Evidently it was not long after the pipe broke that the alarm went off. If it had not, there is no telling how much water would have poured into this building. It would have been very bad."

After the break, water ran down the walls and through the ceiling on the northeast corner, damaging ceiling tiles, soaking carpets and flooring and even leaving water inside of some lighting fixtures.

Mrs. Callison said the most severe damage appeared to have occurred in the lower floor offices of the Court Designated Worker and Drivers Testing Office, with soaked flooring and electronic equipment.

During Monday's Fiscal Court meeting, Tommy Hodges said KACO (Kentucky Association of Counties) organized a response team from Nashville to help assist in the clean-up, with the crew arriving Saturday night at 6:30 and spending about six hours at the scene.

Hodges said by Monday the third floor had been dried, with some remaining work ongoing on the second floor and bottom floor.

All court proceedings were also to be continue uninterrupted this week following the water issue.

City Fairs Well

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"One motor vehicle accident with injuries (they weren't life threatening) did occur," added Fulton County Dispatch Supervisor Robert Griggs. "The busiest periods for us were Friday night, Feb. 20 and Saturday, Feb. 21, when the rapidly changing weather conditions made travel quite a challenge."

To show the severity of the hazardous road conditions, the Fulton County Sheriff's Office took a short video of the curve on State Route 125 (Union City Highway) just past "the Y" on Friday night. "It was posted on their Facebook page," noted Griggs. "As the video showed, the curve was very slick and tough to navigate for all vehicles--even the state's salt truck." The weather station recorded .39 inches of rain falling on Friday, Feb. 20.

Flooding became an issue on Saturday, Feb. 21 as 2.23 inches of rain fell over the area causing water to pool on top of snow and ice covered roadways. The low Sunday night, Feb. 22 - Monday morning, Feb. 23 dropped to 14.9.

"Hickman Electric is glad to announce that we have not had any outages during this cold weather event," reported Hickman Electric System Manager Dale Vowell.

Greg Grissom, President and CEO of Hickman-Fulton Counties RECC reported very minimal damage during Friday night and Saturdary mornings weather event.

"The one outage we had was in the northern part of our service territory in Carlisle County," added Ward Morgan with RECC. "There were about 80 members affected for about five hours by this outage. The weather conditions made the travel for our linemen very difficult. Over the past few years since the 2009 ice storm we have changed poles, shorten spans, and did a complete sectionalizing plan. We have seen this pay off with better reliability during events such as this."

Hickman City Manager Johnny McTurner reported that the By-Pass Lift Station had a pump go down. "We spent all day Monday replacing the pump," he added. "We also ordered additional salt for the roads from the state."

McTurner asked Hickman residents to understand that public works has been doing everything they can to clear city streets. "We can not move ice," he said. "We also have an issue with dead end streets and culdesacs. We need to be going a certain speed to clear the road and on those streets reaching those speeds is not safe. We are doing everything we can to clear all Hickman streets."

Following that first snow fall, Hickman City Mayor David Lattus signed a Declaration of a local State of Emergency for the city. It read, in part, as follows:

"WHEREAS, a winter storm left the City with significant snow and ice accumulations, high winds and low temperatures in extremely hazardous ranges, creating hazardous road conditions and road closures, closure of school and government buildings, additional stress on the city's infrastructure, sewer and water system, causing property damage, leaving motorists stranded and requiring extra vigilance on behalf of the City to provide basic safety and necessary services for the citizens of the City and

"WHEREAS, this situation creates a considerable hardship for the citizens of the City of Hickman and

"WHEREAS, local government has the responsibility to protect the public health, safety and welfare, and to mitigate the effects of such events;

"NOW, THEREFORE, I David Lattus, Mayor of the City of Hickman, Kentucky, by the authority vested in me by KRS 39A.100 (2), do hereby declare that a State of Emergency exists in Hickman, Kentucky for the beginning on February 16, 2015 and ongoing as additional snowfall is forecast, including wind gusts in excess of 45 mph accompanied by subzero temps in the days following, and direct…."

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The Hickman Police Department reports these arrests, citations, investigations and fire calls for Hickman and Cayce Volunteer Fire Departments for Monday, Feb. 16 – Sunday, Feb. 22:

Monday, Feb. 16:

• Assisted Tri-City EMS on Johnson Ln.

• Responded to a call on 1099 Bypass.

• Responded to a 911 Hang Up on Union City Hwy.

• Responded to a call at Dollar General.

• Responded to a possible fight in progress on Ponderosa Dr.

Tuesday, Feb. 17:

• Investigated a commercial alarm on 7th St.

• Responded to a call on Terrace Dr.

• Responded to a call at the police department.

• Responded to a call at Little General.

• Welfare check on Moulton St.

Wednesday, Feb. 18:

• Investigated a commercial alarm on 7th St.

• Responded to a gas drive off at Little General.

• Motorist assist on Pecan Circle.

• Responded to a call at Indian Hills.

• Motorist assist on Moscow Ave.

• Motorist assist on Marr St.

Thursday, Feb. 19:

• Responded to a motor vehicle accident on Union City Hwy. and 7th St.

• Assisted Tri-City EMS at Indian Hills

• Assisted Tri-City EMS on 2nd St.

• Responded to a call on Marr St.

• Responded to a call on Catlett St.

Friday, Feb. 20:

• Investigated a commercial alarm on Moscow Ave.

• Responded to an animal complaint on Marion Ave.

• Responded to an animal complaint on Union City Hwy.

• Motorist assist on Clinton St.

Saturday, Feb. 21:

• Motorist assist on Wabash St.

• Hickman Vol. Fire Dept responded to a fire alarm on Wellington St.

• Responded to a 911 Hang Up on Bayou St.

• Assisted Tri-City EMS on Buchanan St.

• Investigated a commercial alarm on Wellington St.

• Assisted at Fulton County Detention Center.

• Investigated a suspicious person on Moscow Ave.

Sunday, Feb. 22:

• Responded to 911 Hang Up on Bayou St.

• Investigated a residential alarm on Troy Av.

Editor's Note: This information was submitted in its entirety by a representative of the City of Hickman Police Department. Any corrections, changes, or deletions contact the Police Department at 270-236-2520.

Fulton Co. Sheriff's Department News

The Fulton County Sheriff's Department reports these arrests and citations for Monday, Feb. 16 through Saturday, Feb. 21:

Monday, Feb. 16:

• Terrance L. Coleman, Jr. of Hickman, Ky., black male, arrested, bench warrant failure to appear.

• Judy Davis of Clinton, Ky., white female, arrested, criminal trespassing 3rd degree.

Friday, Feb. 20:

• Richard Nolan of Fulton, Ky., black male, arrested, non-payment of fines (3 counts).

• Richard Nolan of Fulton, black male, arrested, contempt of court libel/slander resistance to order (violation of probation by absconding supervision and DV assessment).

• Pierre Floyd of Hickman, black male, arrested, failure to appear (District Court Henderson Co., Ky.).

• Michael G. Thompson of Union City, Tenn., white male, arrested, driving DUI revoked license 1st; no insurance 1st.

Saturday, Feb. 21:

• Jonathan M. Taylor of Hickman, white male, arrested, assault 4th degree (domestic).

• Sharon J. Solas of Hickman, white female, arrested, assault 4th degree (domestic).

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SEMI-TRUCK BLOCKS TRAFFIC - A C.R. England semi-truck from Salt Lake City, Utah, operated by Shane Thomas Fackrell, 25, was turning out of the Little General parking lot onto Union City Highway on Thursday morning, Feb. 19 when he hit the curb. Traffic was shut down for approximately one hour and 20 minutes beginning at 6:50 a.m. No injuries were reported and only minimal damage to the truck's wind skirt.

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state," added Judge Martin. "We are pleased with it overall. As it stands right now, we are still looking at all our options."

The county's next course of action will depend on the hospital's, Community Health Systems (CHS), next move. County officials met with CHS representatives on Tuesday, Feb. 24. "There are lots of rumors going around," Judge Martin admitted. "At this time we don't have any definite answers to our questions."

Business approved on Monday includes the following items:

• Fulton County Resolution 2015-01 concerning SB29 road stabilization funding - read by Rick Major - adequate funding for Road Department

• First Reading of Fulton County Continuity of Government Ordinance - approved

• Contract for Election Services and Voting Machines - HARP Enterprise, Inc. (election services) is the current provider, the county will now pay for these services monthly over a 4-year time frame at a cost of $1,700 per month, which will include the purchase of a new computer system for tallying the results in the amount of $5,000 after a $2,500 deduction for paying monthly instead of yearly

• Authorize advertising for County Road Aid (CRA) hearing and Local Government Economic Assistance (LGEA) hearing, hearings will be held on March 16

• Emergency Management cell phone for emergency management to include internet capabilities

• Telecom Audit Group contract - Former Judge Gallagher interviewed the company looking for savings on the county's phones, fax lines, etc. The audit presented to Judge Martin will result in savings of $20,000 in the first year and then up to $40,000 a year after a total of 18 months.

• Appointed Jim Martin, Fulton County Judge/Executive to Fulton County/Hickman County EDP

• Fulton County Office Building sign in the amount of $1,000 from a local vendor

• Letter from Hickman Chamber of Commerce seeking additional funding - currently the county pay utilities at the building (about $3,700 a year); Ricky's crew does maintenance, cuts grass; county pays insurance ($800 yearly); and provides a building for additional storage items. No further action was taken.

• Approve Fulton County employees

• Employee Deductible Payment Funds report - Agreed to maintain 75% of the county's liability in the fund throughout the year. This is an interest bearing account.

The meeting went into executive session at approximately 10:28 a.m. pursuant to KRS 61.810 (g) to discuss personnel.

PUBLIC NOTICE

A public hearing will be held by the Fulton County Fiscal Court at the Fulton County Office Building on March 16, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. for the purpose of obtaining citizens comments regarding the possible uses of the County Road Aid (CRA) and Local Government Economic Assistance (LGEA) Funds. All interested persons in Fulton County are invited to the hearing to submit oral or written comments on possible uses of the CRA and LGEA Funds. Any person(s) who cannot submit written comments or attend the public hearing but wish to submit comments should call the Office of the County Judge/Executive at 270-236-2594 by 4 p.m., March 13, 2015, so those arrangements can be made to secure their comments.

Jim Martin
Fulton County
Judge/Executive



Photo by Charlotte Smith

MUSIC PROGRAM ROTARY PRESENTATION - On Thursday, Feb. 19 Hickman Rotarian Aaron Collins (left) invited Fulton County Schools Band Teacher Stephanie Mora (right) to update the club on the resurrection of the band program.

School improvement projects move forward

Charlotte Smith
Editor

Moving forward with the Fulton County Schools Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract all five school board members met with Ernie Tacogue and Michael Anderson of Harshaw Trane during a planning session on Thursday, Feb. 19. Tacogue updated the board on the energy conservation measure summarizing the overall scope and plan of the project.

Items to be addressed at each building include:

• Fulton County Elementary/ Middle School - new high efficiency HVAC system, new web-based controls system, new cooler/freezer condensing units outside, new interior and exterior LED lighting, new T-5 hi-bay fluorescent in gymnasium, new dropped ceilings throughout the building, measurement and verification, and intelligent services - energy management.

• Fulton County High School - variable pumping upgrades, optimize existing building automation system, optimize existing building automation system, new t-5 hi-bay fluorescent in gymnasium and Ag shop, new exterior LED lighting, water conservation, measurement and verification, and intelligent services - energy management.

• Board Office - new t-5 fluorescent in storage area and new exterior LED lighting.

Following Tacogue's update, the board heard from Mark Rawlings with Hilliard and Lyons on the process of bonding. A special called meeting will be required once the final numbers for the project are in. "We need to have the meeting next week to keep within the allotted time frame," explained Rawlings. "Three weeks after the approval we will have the bond sale." The planned timing for state approval, bonding, sale and bidding of the project all coincide with the construction taking place while school is out during the summer months when school is not in session.

Other items identified for upgrades and improvements were presented by Scott Noel with N3D. "Restrooms, windows and security at the elementary/ middle school are in the scope of the project," he said. "A lot is contingent on the overall numbers."

The project total cost is estimated at $1,115,000 with $940,000 being allotted for construction costs. "This project will result in a more inviting front entrance while also providing more security for the school, added Noel. The two combined projects total $4.1 million worth of renovations. This does not include the $200,000 worth of renovations completed at the Fulton County Area Technology Center (ATC).

The second project addressed by Noel was the ATC Boiler Contract. "Bids have been opened and we have spoken with the contractor," he informed the board. "The boiler and equipment have been ordered and expected delivery is the end of March. Depending on the temperature, we could possibly change it out over spring break."

Mora brings new life to music program

Charlotte Smith
Editor

After almost a decade of not having band at either the high school or middle school level of Fulton County Schools, Stephanie Mora, one of the district's new teachers has chosen to revive some of the school's spirit through music. "What better way to instill school spirit?" she asked when she addressed the Hickman Rotary Club on Thursday, Feb. 19.

Mora, who came to Fulton County by way of Elizabethtown, Ky., now has 16 high school and 25 middle school members in the band. "We have even had to turn some students away because we don't have any more instruments for them to use," she said.

Back in May 2014, South Oldham Band Director Robert Parker heard Mora's plea and it struck a chord with him. "He took up a donation on our behalf and through monetary donations and instruments, we received $11,925 from Parker," she told the crowd of almost 30.

Mora also added that since the reorganization of the band several students have learned the National Anthem and have played it at various home sporting events. "We even had our pep band play at the high school on Homecoming Night and Senior Night," she added proudly.

A short term goal includes continuing to have the pep band play at sporting events, make the Christmas concert an annual event and add a spring contest, possibly in early April.

"Next year we would like to possibly add a half time show at the home football games and then the following year participate in the judication competition at the state level," Mora stated. "Those are our long term goals that I see at the end of the tunnel."

Future plans for the music program also include a room dedicated for band/music that will include new carpet, music chairs and music stands. "If you do the numbers," added Fulton County Superintendent Aaron Collins. "It means we have approximately 30% of our students enrolled in the music program."

In the future, Collins sees having a marching band that consists of 40 members marching with instruments and 10 auxiliary members. "A 50-member marching band is a good size for a 1 A school," he concluded.

Anyone interested in making a monetary donation or donate instruments to the band can contact Mora at the Fulton County Elementary/Middle School.



Sports In Kentucky

For the Hickman Courier
By Bob Watkins

Twenty-seven wins in, Kentucky's basketball team is less a caterpillar, if it ever was, but, as the world turns to March, the Willie Cauley-Stein-led Wildcats are looking butterfly-ish.

Here's to watching Kentucky's team grow up.

√ Against Auburn: 25 assists.

√ Trey Lyles came around a low post pick by Karl Anthony Towns with energy and expectation instead of nonchalance ... turned into the lane, impeccably timed pass delivered – score and one.

√ Tyler Ulis' mid-floor no-look assist to Willie Cauley-Stein against Auburn was freshman-of-the-year-worthy.

√ Devin Booker's shot motion.

√ Marcus Lee hurdles down the lane ... put-back slam against Auburn ... growing up.

√ With February wins at Florida, LSU and Tennessee in the books, John Calipari is less hysterical these days, has spent more time inside the coach's box, and looks more worthy of national coach of the year candidacy.

√ For MVP fans – kids in Big Blue Nation – reasons for optimism that Ulis, Booker and Lee return next season.

√ **Postscript** Just wondering: How would Kentucky be different if Kyle Wiltjer was in Lexington instead of Spokane?

PEARL PEARLS ON WILDCATS

Who is more quotable in college hoops than ex-ESPN analyst Bruce Pearl?

"What (Kentucky does) offensively ... pounding it inside, there's nobody in the league who's even close to that.

"They're better shooting the ball from the perimeter. They hunt shots. They want them. If anybody goes zone now, their eyes get big, you know?

Kentucky go unbeaten? "... because of the character and chemistry, I think they certainly can. ... The one thing I would be a little concerned about, if (officials) let (UK) play, which I hope they would in a big game, they should have a real good chance. I would just hate if (officials) suddenly started calling it really different in the tournament."

UofL's KNUCKLEHEAD

Amazing how Rick Pitino (American Sniper with words?), can explain so much with a single shot. *Knucklehead*.

That two-year starter senior Chris Jones – 3.7-a-game assist leader and 13.6 points on a 12th ranked team that is NCAA tournament-bound team (and NBA draft chance on the line), would risk confrontation with a hall of fame ball coach, defines *Knucklehead*.

Is Jones a major loss for Louisville team? Maybe.

Better spin and story line: Opportunity falls into lap of freshman Quentin Snider. Kentucky Mr. Basketball a year ago who withdrew his commit to UofL because he didn't feel enough love from Pitino, gets a promotion.

BRACKETOLOGY

Longest win streaks in college hoops (at this writing) are Kentucky (27) and Murray State (22). When pairings for the NCAA Tournament are posted next month, if Steve Prohm's Racers win the OVC Tournament, history suggests Kentucky and Murray could be first round foes.

CRANK UP CAROUSEL

College basketball's other season is on the horizon. The Coach's Carousel for 2015 is already cranking up and promises promises to be entertaining.

Prime candidates for movin'-on-up jobs will be UK assistant Kenny Payne and Murray State's Steve Prohm.

Payne's resume` built sitting next to John Calipari at Kentucky since 2010 will make his cell phone ring. Won't be an easy hire however, Payne's pay grade at UK is already a comfy seven figures.

Prohm's record at Murray is beyond exemplary. Stability and consistency, four 21-plus wins, three OVC titles in a row. At 40-years-old, he is prime time to be next Murray State coach to job jump.

Only a coincidence, this intriguing link: Anthony Grant at Alabama may be among first coach let go this spring. Prohm is a 1997 Alabama graduate.

FRESHMEN INELIGIBLE?

In classic *Back-to-the-Future*, officials at Big Ten and Big 12 officials have put forth the (old) idea of making freshmen not eligible for varsity play as it was before 1972.

The idea moved one media type to be first launching into righteous yowl, freshman ineligibility, "... is going back to the dinosaur concept of making kids sit is in service to academics..."

Dinosaur concept seems clever, but "making kids sit is in service to academics," is somewhere on the Dumb Scale between Stupid and Ridiculous. Accepting a free scholarship education is hardly servitude.

Any rule change that prods college administrators in the direction of its original intent, education, is noble and right. And, strikes a blow at the money changers before college sports are totally consumed by no-going-back profiteers.

DAMIEN HARRIS

Since Madison Southern High football star Damien Harris signed with Alabama, Crimson Tide running backs Tyren Jones was suspended, Altee Tenpenny transferred and senior-to-be T.J. Yeldon filed for the NFL draft.

Barring a red-shirt, Harris can compete with leading rusher Derrick Henry, back-up Kenyan Drake and newcomers Bo Scarbrough and DeSherrius Flowers, both of whom enrolled early.

PARTING SHOT

Rick Pitino forgot to engage his brain before opening his mouth on the incident in Saturday's Miami game when Montrezl Harrell slammed a ball off Tonye Jekiri's face. UofL's coach asked why "that Miami doctor" would have allowed Jekiri to return if a concussion was suspected?

UofL's doctor cleared Jekiri to return. Oops.

And so it goes.

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Land Between The Lakes wildlife refuges to re-open

GOLDEN POND, KY – Land Between The Lakes National Recreation Area will re-open Rushing Bay, Duncan Bay, Duncan Lake, Smith Bay, Fulton/Honker Bay, Honker Lake Refuge, Long Creek Waterfowl Refuge, and portions of Energy Lake on Monday, March 16th. Hematite Lake will also open for bank fishing only.

"These areas are closed November 1st through March 15th, primarily as waterfowl and eagle refuges. We appreciate public cooperation in protecting these important areas for wildlife," said Steve Bloemer, Wildlife Program Manager at Land Between The Lakes. "Most wintering eagles and waterfowl will begin migrating back north by early to mid-March, allowing the refuges to be re-opened."

The following link will take you to Flickr where you will find the photos included in this news release, along with photo credits, captions, and additional photos for downloading: https://www.flickr.com/photos/lblkytn/sets

Land Between The Lakes National Recreation Area manages more than 170,000 acres in western Kentucky and Tennessee as part of the U.S. Forest Service and the Department of Agriculture's public lands program. Land Between The Lakes offers outdoor recreation, lake access, land management, and environmental education to over 1.4 million visitors annually. The Friends of Land Between The Lakes works in partnership with the Forest Service providing program services, funds development, and volunteer support.

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Busting the Myths of Leadership

The great statesman Benjamin Franklin once said, "When you are finished changing, you're finished." And even though it's been 200-plus years since he uttered those famous words, they still hold true — especially in today's business world.

Long standing ideas about how to lead a team are no longer viable. Workers won't stick around for a bad boss these days, no matter how much they're paid. They want to be motivated and inspired. So, how can you ensure that you're functioning as an awesome leader? Start by avoiding these common, but mistaken, leadership beliefs.

The Myth:

They're inspired by their paycheck. As the owner of your company, you have the power to change lives. After all, you're the person signing the paychecks. Everyone should be happy, and even grateful, to do their jobs with no questions asked.

The Truth: Great leaders know that power comes from persuasion, not position. Simply offering a paycheck, or intimidating workers by holding their jobs over their heads will not make them more productive or creative. Leaders who take the time to communicate, support and encourage earn loyalty and respect from their teams.

The Myth: No news is good news. Your team doesn't need to know when something bad happens. If sales are down, they're going to become scared and maybe even leave. As a matter of fact, they can't be trusted with any sensitive news — good or bad.

The Truth: Winning organizations have a culture of communication. Your team wants to know what's happening and why. Sure, there's some information you can't share. But when you have the right team members on board, you can trust them with almost anything. Make a habit of over-communicating. Your team will respect you for it even more.

The Myth: You can't find good workers anymore. Today's generation doesn't listen. They lack initiative, and they never show up on time. They want the world handed to them.

The Truth: You're probably not good at finding and recognizing talented, responsible workers. Think there are no young people who are willing to do an awesome job? Look at Chick-fil-A. The company has thousands of them. Part of being a good leader is knowing how to hire. You have to be willing to wait for the perfect person — one who shares your values and work ethic. At Dave Ramsey's company, team members are interviewed four to six times, and the process can take three or four months.

Becoming a great leader is not easy. It's a skill that needs to be developed, and it's one that takes time, patience and a willingness to learn and improve one's self. But if you're willing to put in the hard work, you'll find yourself with a team full of talented, passionate people — a team willing and able to slay dragons right alongside you, and do whatever it takes to win.

It's definitely worth the wait!

**Dave Ramsey is America's trusted voice on business and money. He has authored five* New York Times *best-selling books, including EntreLeadership*. The Dave Ramsey Show *is heard by more than 8 million listeners each week on more than 500 radio stations. Follow Dave on the web at www.entreleadership.com.*

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Aug. 3	New Teacher Training
Aug. 3	Pilot Blitz
Aug. 4	Professional Development Day
Aug. 4	Back to School Night
Aug. 5	Opening Day
Aug. 6	First Day for Students
Sept. 4	Professional Development Day
Sept. 7	Labor Day Holiday
Oct. 2	Professional Development Day
Oct. 5 - 9	Fall Break
Nov. 3	G-Day
Nov. 25-27	No School - Thanksgiving
Dec. 21 - Jan. 1	Christmas Break
Jan. 18	No School
Feb. 15	Professional Development Day
March 11	Make-up Day
April 1	Make-up Day
April 4 - 8	Spring Break
May 17	No School
May 19	Last Day for Students
May 20	Closing Day

Basketball Season is Winding Down

We can go through our pictures and create a one of a kind collage from the past basketball season



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1977: Downtown fire of Ben Franklin may cause business loss



WALLS TUMBLE – A fire which ravaged the Ben Franklin store and the Robinson Antique Store on Clinton Street, heart of the Hickman, Ky., business district, about 5:10 a.m. last Friday was termed as an economic blow to the riverport city. Fire Chief Bill Ramsey and the 15 men who fought the blaze throughout the morning were commended by the Hickman merchants who credited them with controlling the inferno and confining the blaze to the immediate area. Walls of the two brick-veneer buildings tumbled into the street as the interiors were gutted. Dobson's Department Store, which adjoined the Ben Franklin Store, received smoke and water damage.

Editor's Note: This article ran in the Hickman Courier on November 10, 1977. Some consider this as a definite turning point in the economic downturn in Hickman. Many have fond memories of this store and some of their comments are listed at the end of this article.

The blaze which destroyed a section of the Hickman business district early last Friday morning could result in an economic setback to the city.

Ben Franklin Store, the city's only five and dime variety store, and the adjoining building which housed the Coy Robinson antique store, located on the north side of Clinton Street, were destroyed by the fire which was reported by a passerby at 5:10 a.m.

Fire Chief Bill Ramsey said the fire was sighted from a hill above the street which runs parallel to the Mississippi River. It was already engulfing the mid-section of the brick building and moving toward the rear of the structure when the members of the Hickman Fire Department arrived at the scene.

Firemen who remained at the scene throughout the morning managed to confine the blaze to the two buildings. Dobson's department store, owned and operated by Julius Falkoff of Union City, received only smoke and water damage.

A building located on the corner, owned by John Pearson and adjoining the antique shop, was vacant. The extent of damage to that building was not determined.

Frances Amberg said she owned the building leased by W. M. Adams of Fulton, operator of the Ben Franklin Store. Mr. Adams, who also operates the variety store in Fulton, had leased the building since 1957. Maxine Cooper was the store manager.

The owners of the buildings watched the work of firemen and asked that they be commended for the manner in which they had controlled the blaze which at one time threatened the entire city block.

The value of the buildings and their contents has not been estimated. Firemen will investigate the cause of the fire, Chief Ramsey said.

Mr. Adams was unable to estimate the damage to his store which was gutted by the flames.

However, Adams did say all his Christmas items had arrived at the store and he was preparing for the holiday season. "There is no way the insurance will cover the loss considering the season,"

The destroyed stores were located on Clinton Street in the downtown area. The stores were located in the mid-section of several connecting stores.

Ramsey said a firewall located between the destroyed stores and Dobson's aided firemen in containing the blaze.

Adams said he did not know if he would relocate the store. He described the destroyed structure as an older building with modern fixtures. The store was comprised of two stories with a partial basement.

Comments from some who remember the days when the Ben Franklin store was open in downtown Hickman:

• Robert Griggs: I do remember my parents taking me up the street and us watching the fire. Sad day. While there may have been some decline before then, the "dime store" burning really marked the beginning of businesses moving out of old downtown and "out east."

• Carolyn Jones: "Miss Kitty Creed" WAS Ben Franklin!! She was a sweet lady, I worked there in high school with her, Mary Jo Barnett and Luzanne Phillips, along with Mary Everett and Joyce Hall!! Fun times!!

• Phyllis Simmons: Miss Kitty Creed, Maxine Cooper, Juanita Adams and I worked there in 1961 and 62.

• Robin Reeves-Glover: Loved going there! I remember Miss Kitty well along with Bully who I would see there almost every time we went. I remember one year for Christmas they had little purses made of coconuts. They had one left in the window. My mom wouldn't get it for me. So I thought. Woke up Christmas morning to find it under the tree. Remember it as if it were yesterday. I miss those times. Thank the Lord for sweet memories.

• Hugh Caldwell: Spent a long day fighting that fire.

• Brenda Cole: I worked there in 1974-75 with Maxine Cooper, Juanita Adams Kemp and Ms. Virginia Naylor. Frankye O'Conner Williams worked after school.

• Carol Shaw Ozier: I have fond memories of Miss Kitty, so kind. I also remember the colored baby chicks they always had at Easter time. Mine never lived very long....but they sure were cute.

• Ray Noble White: I remember they would have baby chicks, dyed pink and blue, during Easter time - I bought records there, got Blind Faiths album there in '69 or '70.

• Doris Whitley: I remember the fancy gift boxes of EVENING IN PARIS perfume in elegant blue glass going into BEN FRANKLIN'S 5 & 10 store was a joy. My favorite memory is meeting friends for the Saturday Matinée: 2 westerns, a cartoon and a newsreel. I walked there from Southern Heights.....gone all day... Just a group of kids knocking around.



Acts of Kindness

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to get what they needed."

Cline also noted that Faren was under the weather while she was performing this good deed. "Faren was sick and actually injured herself (pulling a muscle in her side) trying to keep up with the workload for that day," he said. "She was also up bright and early Tuesday, her last day off of the week, waiting to go in at a moment's notice because the other employees were having a hard time getting in, again. Her statement about it was that if she didn't go in, the store would not be open for those that needed it."

Our next good deed comes from Becky Roberson, an 11-year resident of Myron Cory Drive in Hickman who was lucky to have several people go out of their way to help her and her husband, Squizz. "We have had more than one person help us this week," she said. "The first was Jennifer White our next door neighbor. We couldn't have asked for better neighbors then Bart and Jennifer White. They have been so good to us since we moved here." They have been neighbors for 11 years.

"Jennifer knew Squizz was looking for a generator and found what he was looking for in Martin, Tenn. Jennifer bought it and brought it back to him," Becky said. "Squizz had just about bought one (within minutes) that was not near as good as the one she had found and the one she found was a really good deal. She called him while he was at another store and the rest is history. So thoughtful…"

Another Hickman couple, Doug and Kathy Goodman, were responsible for the second good deed the Robersons received last week. "Doug and Kathy Goodman picked me up and carried me to work as Squizz needed my vehicle to get in the school parking lot as his truck is too light, plus I'm not driving in this weather," commented Becky. "They had told me at Church Sunday that they would be glad to pick me up. So Doug and Kathy were kind enough to get me to work and back and with a warm cinnamon roll waiting on me!"

A surprise was waiting on the Robersons when they returned home later that day. "Squizz came home that same day and someone had grated our driveway and we had no idea who did it," Becky added. "I found out later in the day it was Doug Goodman and his workers. They also took the time to clear my parents driveway also! We are so blessed to have these people in our lives and to live in a community where people really do care about one another!!"

On Wednesday, Feb. 18 John Amberg with Public Works for the City of Hickman cleared part of the Courier's lot, as did Jay Black.

"The city came out and scraped and salted Upper Catlett so my mom could get off her road," noted Christina Boyle. "They did a great job and really are continuing to do good at keeping roads clear and safe as possible.

It probably goes without saying that many farmers and individuals with the equipment to plow driveways and parking lots stepped up and helped out last week. There is no way to know who they all are, but those who were on the receiving side of their generosity are thankful for their good deeds and random acts of kindness.

Makeup Days

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year for professional development with the "Leader in Me" grant. Those days are May 26, 27, and 28.

During the school board meeting Craig Turner, Director of Pupil Personnel, noted he has submitted the homeless grant and is requesting $54,000. They are awarding 17 statewide grants," Turner said. "We have been recipients the last few years." Turner is also working on the LEAD report which is a verification report concerning teacher certification.

"Enrollment is on trend to be ahead of last year's numbers," he added. "But attendance, especially in December and January with sickness hitting the schools is a little lower. These last two months have been rough months in the region."

The FY 2015-2016 Fulton County Schools calendar was approved by the board. The first day of school will be Thursday, Aug. 6, 2015 for students and the last day has been scheduled for Thursday, May 19. *(See complete calendar 6.)*

With no new business the board approved the following items:

• Windstream Maintenance Agreement

• Use of District Property

• 1st Reading of Policy Updates

• Review Procedure 01.821 AP 1. Board Member Expense Reimbursement

The meeting moved into closed session at 6:34 p.m. pursuant to KRS 61.810 (c)(f) for the Purpose of Litigation and Personnel.

Fulton's Hillview Clinic will relocate to South Fulton

Benita Fuzzell

Parkway Regional Hospital has confirmed plans to relocate the Hillview Clinic to South Fulton and cease operations at the hospital remain on schedule.

The Hillview Medical Clinic is becoming HillView South as it transitions to a temporary location across from South Fulton High School. HillView South will operate at 1203 Industrial Park Rd. as its permanent location is in development.

The clinic will begin seeing patients in this temporary location April 1.

It will be open Monday-Friday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. and staffed by three physicians and a nurse practitioner who will provide a full range of primary and preventive services as well as diagnostic imaging including CT, ultrasound and X-ray.

Patients may make an appointment by calling 270-472-1612 or 731-479-2606. The clinic is committed to same day work-ins whenever possible, according to a press release issued to The Fulton Leader Feb. 23.

"It is a privilege to continue providing care for our patients who count on us for prevention, diagnosis, treatment, care and support," said Dr. Gregory Cox, Internal Medicine, with HillView South. "While our office location is changing our commitment to convenience and service will remain in place."

HillView South will provide primary care services with Dr. Cox – Internal Medicine, Dr. Nasira Malik – Pediatrics, Dr. Joshua Whitledge – Family Practice and Elizabeth Jones, ARNP Family Practice.

"We look forward to continuing to serve the Fulton and South Fulton communities at our new clinic in South Fulton," said Dana Lawrence, interim CEO at Parkway Regional Hospital. "We are also working with local officials on an extended agreement to continue operating emergency management services for Fulton County and the cities of Fulton, South Fulton, and Hickman."

As previously announced, hospital operations will cease at 11:59 p.m. March 31. The hospital will continue offering most services until that date.

Medical records for current and past patients will be retained in accordance with the State of Kentucky retention guidelines.

After the date of closure, medical records meeting the retention guidelines will be transferred to Volunteer Community Hospital, in Martin, Tenn., which will act as custodian of those records.

After March 31, former patients may request medical records created at Parkway Regional Hospital by contacting Volunteer Community Hospital, 161 Mount Pelia Road, Martin, TN 38237. The telephone number is 731-588-3250, option 1, and the fax number is 731-588-3259.

All requests for medical records must be in writing and copy fees may apply, according to the press release.

Choate is a Wildcat

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many as the "SEC of the NAIA" and produced the National Championship golf team of Coastal Georgia in 2014.

"This is where I wanted to be," said Choate following his signing on the dotted line this week. "All of the schools we visited were very nice, with good golf programs and coaches, but I think Bethel's golf team is the fit for me. They play against some very good schools and I just look forward to playing for Coach Cunningham."

Choate began playing with the Pilots high school program as a seventh grader, and worked his way into becoming one of the top players in the First Region the past two seasons.

As a junior, he claimed medalist honors in six of seven matches and had a Top-10 finish in the Paducah Tilghman Invitational.

This past season, Choate took runner-up honors at the First Region All-A Classic Tournament, which earned him one of two automatic berths into the Kentucky State All-A Tournament.

During the season, the Pilot senior also claimed medalist honors in eight matches, was an invitee to the Kentucky Senior All-Star Tournament and was named to the First Region "All-Golf Team".

"I am very happy to sign Ryne and I am happy to get back up and get a Kentuckian in the program. We have a great history of Kentucky athletes at Bethel and we hope he adds to that illustrious history," said Golf Coach Monte Cunningham. "Playing college golf is a challenge with multiple day tournaments, but I think Ryne is up to the challenge with his character and work ethic, and I am very proud to see the large turnout for his signing because it does speak well for him."

Coach Cunningham added that Choate was part of a signing group that included Tennessee products from Madison County, Montgomery County and Franklin County, in which he feels will produce success on the course.

"We've had a good year recruiting and I project Ryne up towards the top. I think they will all get along well because they possess good character traits that should create a good core of players. I am looking forward to good things to come."

Fulton County Superintendent Aaron Collins said the signing was good for the school and the athletic programs.

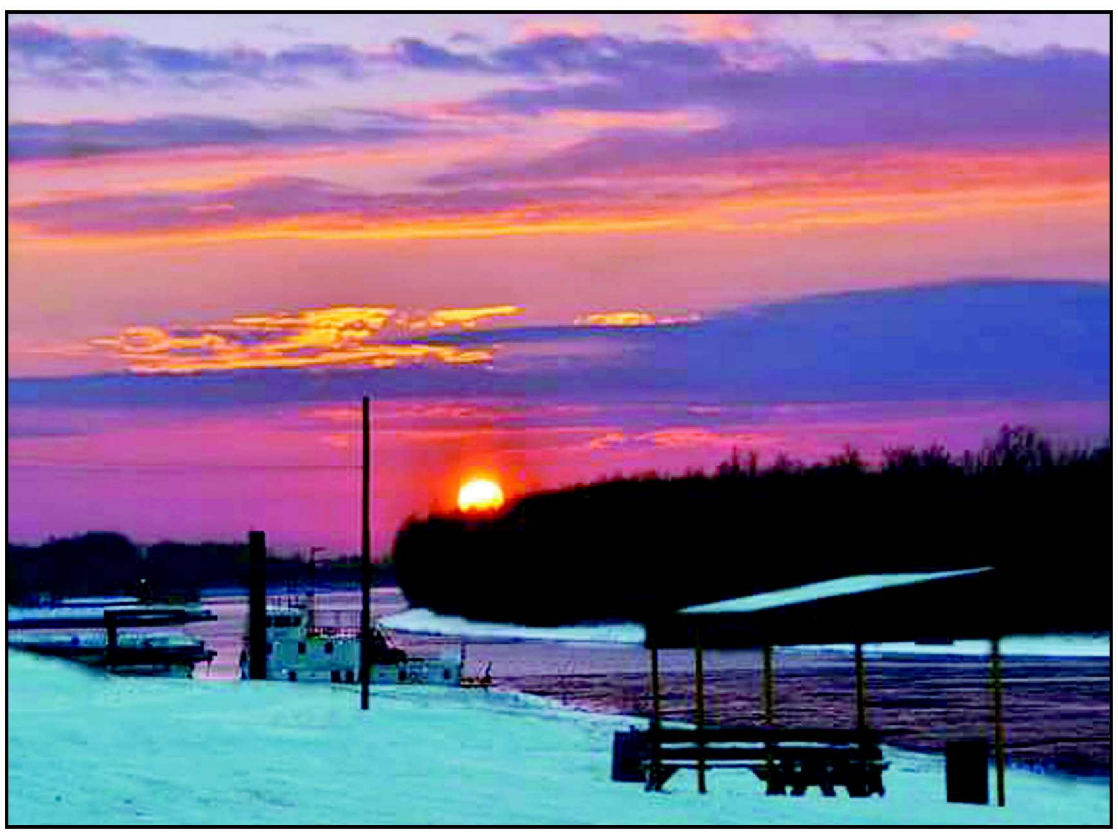
"We are really proud of Ryne and the fact that he chose Bethel, who plays in one of the most elite conferences in the NAIA," said Collins. "This is a great opportunity for him to continue his education, plus get the chance to play against some very good college players. We all plan to keep up with him, because he not only will be representing the Wildcats, but he will be there as a Pilot representing Fulton County schools."



TRAVEL BASKETBALL - A sixth grade travel basketball team is being coached by Chuck Murphy and James Bridges. Members of the team include: (back row, l to r) Broc Bridges, Tyler Love, Dylan Hammonds, Hayden Murphy; and (front row, l to r) Greyson Grissom, Will Jackson and Deivyn Turner.



HICKMAN SUNRISE - This sunrise in Hickman was captured in the backyard of David Black's home on Monday, Feb. 23. Black also captured the beauty of the snow that still remains on the ground.



HICKMAN SUNSET - Joni Adams Yates, of Fulton, Ky. captured this sunset in the Hickman Harbor on Tuesday, Feb 17 while she was photographing eagles and great blue herons. Yates is always looking to capture the beauty and the 'heart' of our little hometowns.



Photo by Charlotte Smith

RELAY FOR LIFE T-SHIRTS ARE AVAILABLE - The Citizens Bank is selling Relay of Life 2015 T-Shirts. Showing off their new design for this year are (l to r) Shawana Vowell, Rayna Ice, Cindy Lyle, Will Rice, John Cagle, Kim Jones, Ashlie Simpson, Laura Mudd and Jennifer Russom. The t-shirts are available in short sleeve and long sleeve with short sleeve shirts for $15 and long sleeve $17 (2x and 3x are $16 and $18). See any bank employee to purchase your t-shirt today!

Local Resources

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Purchase Area Development District, said, "We are excited to help provide more food to Hickman. Reports are now available on line." Programs currently available include the Commodity Program and Feed America which provides meat, bread, produce, etc. for 19 cents a pound. "There is also a back pack program where we bring back pack bags of food for children for $100 a year and the back packs are distributed through Family Resource Centers," Medlock said. Medlock added that 423 students in the region already benefit from this program. "There should be funding for Hickman-Fulton County," she added. "There is also the Food Bank program which makes available second class food purchased from farmers. The food is fine; it just didn't make the cut."

Fulton County Jailer Ricky Parnell volunteered the jail's services to pick up the commodities and also female inmate assistance to distribute the food. "It takes a lot of volunteers to organize the distribution of the commodities and do the paper work," added Judge Martin. "We are also in the process of seeking out a building to handle the distribution of the commodities in Hickman."

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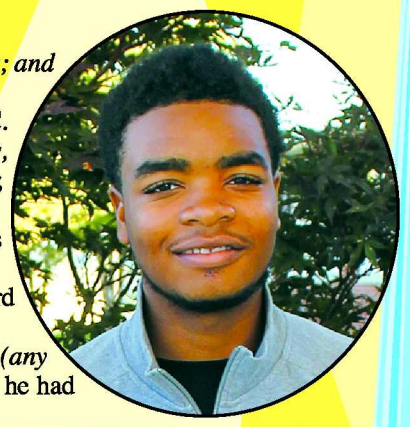
Senior Spotlight

Mariah Taborn



Parent's names: Kelly and Caroline Taborn
Brothers and sisters names: Sophia Taborn
Church and/or community involvement: First Pentecostal Church in Union City, Tenn.
Plans after graduation: Go to Murray State University to fulfill my goal of being a Registered Nurse. I may later return to become a Nurse Practitioner.
Clubs and Activities, Accomplishments, Hobbies, Interests, etc.: HOSA, FFA, JAM
Favorite part of school: Being surrounded by loving friends and teachers and advisors who care about me and my future.
Something interesting about yourself: I'm very soft-spoken AT TIMES. All of my friends may think differently. I'm also the voice of reason in many situations.
Fondest memory while at Fulton County High School (any year): Senior Day at Pat Major's house. That was really fun!!

Brendan Wilson



Parent's names: Catrece Isbell and Steve Wilson
Sports you play (if any): Football, 4 years; Baseball, 3 *years; and Track, 2 years.*
Plans after graduation: Going to Murray State or WKCTC.
Clubs and Activities, Accomplishments, Hobbies, Interests, etc.: Skills USA, 3 years; Pilot Army, 4 years; 4-H, 4 years; Band, 1 year.
Favorite part of school: Playing football on Friday nights and clowning with my bros and just being part of FCHS.
Something interesting about yourself: Funny guy, hard worker, and cool with everyone at FCHS.
Fondest memory while at Fulton County High School (any year): Someone stole Quinn's shoes at football practice and he had to walk around all day with no shoes. LOL

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